

# Town of Somerset, MA

# Trash

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In July of 1993, the town adopted a **mandatory Recycling By-law** and this law must be observed by all the citizens of Somerset. If your trash is not separated as indicated, it cannot be collected by the Town.

The trash is a pay-as-you-throw system and, as its name implies, you pay only for the amount of trash that you actually throw away. This means that the more you reduce, reuse and/or recycle, the lower your trash disposal cost will be. Please read the following information and save for future reference. It will explain how the PAY-PER-BAG program works and how to recycle your trash.

#### **Here's How It Works:**

Each homeowner in the Town of Somerset must buy specially marked trash bags, which are available at various locations throughout the town (most convenient stores, gas stations and markets sell the bags).

#### **TRASH:**

**Large (white) 33-gallon trash bags = \$ 3.00 each / Small (yellow) 16-gallon trash bags = \$1.75 each.** Bags may be purchased by the roll also. (5 bags per roll). The price of the bag is based on the Town's actual cost to purchase the bag and the cost of the town's collection and disposal of trash, yard waste, recyclables and white goods.

On the day of pickup at your home, please make sure that the filled trash **bags are tied** at the top. Please set them out at the curb **before 7:00 AM** along with your recycling bin. **\*\*Please do not put trash bags on top of the Recycling Bin. They will not be picked up.** **\*\* The weight of trash cannot exceed 50 lbs.** Please call **EZ Disposal at (781) 233-2211** or by email : [team@ezdisposalrecycling.com](mailto:team@ezdisposalrecycling.com), if you need further assistance or in case you feel the workers may have missed your residence.

Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 textiles will no longer be picked up curbside by Simple Recycling or EZ Disposal. Any textiles should be disposed in supporting clothing bins located throughout the town.

#### **RECYCLABLES:**

Recycling bins are emptied on the same day as your regular trash pickup. One **recycling bin** will be provided for a **new** dwelling free of charge. Replacement or additional recycling bins are \$50.00 with checks to be made to "The Town of Somerset" and will be dropped off at resident's household. Please call the Highway Department at (508) 646-2835 to request a new bin. Bins must be used to put your recyclable items at the curbside. Please see the enclosed list of acceptable recycling materials and non-acceptable recycling material. For information on Recycling, please call **EZ Disposal at (781) 233-2211**. **\*If you bin is damaged and needs repair please call the Somerset Highway Department at (508) 646-2835.**

#### **YARD WASTE:**

**Yard waste** (leaves, grass, brush) are to be separated and set out in unlined trashcans (**ONLY 32 GALLON PLASTIC BARELLS WITH HANDLES WILL BE ALLOWED**), paper bags or special "earth bags". Bags containing yard waste will not be picked up and containers shall **not be larger than 32 gallons** or exceed **50 lbs**. Yard Waste should not be exceeding top of barrel. No brush in excess of 1/2" diameter shall be placed in approved containers or bags. Brush will be picked up if it does not exceed three (3") inches in diameter and three (3') feet in length and must be secured in manageable bundles not to exceed 50lbs. Please do not use tape (duct tape) to secure bundles. This jams the machines. Twine or rope is okay. Removal of brush/branches, stumps larger than (3") will not be available through EZ Disposal or the Town of Somerset. Yard waste will not be picked up during the winter months. Please refer to schedule.

THERE WILL BE NOW BE A LIMIT OF 10-YARD WASTE RECETACLES PER HOUSEHOLD PER YARD WASTE WEEK. (EX: 5-YARD WASTE BAGS AND 5-YARD WASTE BARRELS.)

#### **LARGE BULK ITEMS (couch, chair, table) and WHITE GOODS (stove, washer, etc.)**

These items are **not** collected on the same day that your trash is collected. These items are collected **by appointment only** and must be out on the curbside by 7:00AM of the schedule collection day of the month. (See dates on the calendar included in this packet) Appointments can be made by calling **EZ Disposal at (781) 233-2211**. A fee is applicable for this service and details will be provided by **EZ Disposal at (781) 233-2211**.

**Televisions, computer, monitors, mattresses, box springs, and rugs are not picked up curbside.** Televisions computer monitors, and mattresses/box springs may be brought to the Somerset Highway Department Transfer Station. Please be advised April to November items can only be dropped off at the Transfer Station. Friday drop offs for TV'S, MATTRESSES, AND BOXSPRINGS are ONLY accepted between December and March (when the transfer station season is closed.) They will NOT be accepted between April –November. Rugs will be no longer be picked up curbside. They must be brought to the Transfer Station.

Residents can also take bulk items, white goods, and yard waste (NO recyclables, hazardous waste materials, cardboard, styrofoam, or consumable green – household food/trash) to the **Somerset Highway Department at 1263 Brayton Pt. Rd.** Town of Somerset Bags will not be accepted and must be placed curbside on your trash pickup day. You must show proof of residency and purchase a punch-card. All fees must be made by cash, check, or credit card at the gate. The transfer station will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of APRIL through NOVEMBER; 8:00AM TO 12:00 NOON, unless otherwise noted on the included schedule. See attached dumpster guidelines, fees and date schedule.

**The pickup day is determined by the precinct you reside in.**

- Precinct 1            Monday pick up
- Precinct 2            Tuesday pick up
- Precinct 3            Wednesday pick up
- Precinct 4            Thursday pick up
- Precinct 5            Friday pick up

(If you are unsure of your trash pickup day, please call the Highway Department at 508-646-2835)

**Collections will NOT be made on the following holidays:**

**New Year's Day  
Patriot's Day  
July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Veteran's Day**

**Martin Luther King Jr Day  
Memorial Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day**

**Washington's Birthday  
Juneteenth  
Columbus Day  
Christmas Day**

When any of these holidays fall on a Sunday or Monday-Friday, your pick up schedule would be delayed by 1 day for the remainder of that week.

If the holiday falls on the Saturday, there will be NO delay.

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**Contact numbers:**

- EZ Disposal.....781-233-2211**
- Bulk Pick-up Line (EZ Disposal)..... 781-233-2211**
- Somerset Highway Dept. (Transfer Station) 508-646-2835**
- Somerset Board of Health..... 508-646-2804**
- Town Administration Office..... 508-646-2800**

# Acceptable/Unacceptable Recycle Material

## Acceptable Recycling Material:

- Aerosol Cans (Empty)
- Aluminum: Cans, Beverages and Food Containers (Clean Foil & Pie Pans)
- Books: Hardbound, Paperback, & Textbooks.
- Bottles: Narrow-neck Bottles used for Food Liquid, Soap, Soda or Water. (Lightly Clean if Heavily Soiled.)
- Cardboard and Paperboard Boxes, Corrugated Boxes, Egg Containers, Food Boxes (Including Cereal Boxes & Pizza Boxes), Frozen Food Packaging, Mailing Boxes, and Show Boxes.

## **Please Remove Plastic & Styrofoam Packing Material from Inside.**

- Cartons (Waxed): Used for a Liquid such as Juices, Milk, & Soups
- Glass Containers such as Bottles and Jars, Brown, Clear or Green- (Please Rinse)
- CLEAN Juice Boxes
- Mail: Envelopes with Plastic Windows
- Metal: Beverage & Food Containers
- Paper (All Colors & Types): Catalogs, Folders, Junk Mail, Magazines, Mixed Paper, Newsprint (All Types), Non-Metallic Wrapping Paper, Office Papers, Printer Paper, School Papers, & Shredded Paper
- Plastic: Bottles & Jars (Narrow Neck and Screw Top- Lightly Clean if Heavily Soiled)-e.g., Detergency/ Bleach Bottles, Juice Bottles, Milk Jugs, Soda Bottles, Water Bottles, Containers (Wide-Mouthed \*Lightly Cleaned if Heavily Soiled\*)-e.g., Cottage Cheese, Margarine, mayonnaise, Sour Cream, & Yogurt (Caps & Labels O.K.) Drinking Cups and Prescription Bottles, Including Lids & Caps
- Steel: Beverage Containers & Food
- Tin: Cans & Foil

## Unacceptable Recycling Material Examples:

- Carry Out or Deli Food Containers
- Cat Litter
- Chemicals
- Cookware & Plates(Plastic)
- Containers of Toxic Substances-e.g., Bottles/Cans of Motor Oil, Pesticides, etc.
- Contaminated Paper Products-e.g., Napkins, Paper Towels, Waxed Paper, Paper Plates & Tissue
- Contaminated Plastic Products-e.g., Plates, Utensils, Cookware, & To-Go Cartons
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Food Waste
- Furniture of ANY Kind
- Glass (Window & Mirror)
- Paint & Paint Caps
- Plastic Bags (Including Grocery Bags & Newspaper Covers)
- Utensils (Plastic)
- Waxed Paper
- Styrofoam

\*\*\* Any further questions you may contact the Somerset Highway Department at 508-646-2835 or EZ Disposal (781) 233-2211\*\*\*

# Transfer Station Program Guidelines

**New Prices**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Please be advised Punch Cards will no longer be sold. Any past purchased punch cards may be used for this Transfer Station season. After November 16, 2024 punch cards will no longer be accepted.**

**Yearly/Daily Sticker Passes may be purchased at The Highway Department. Stickers must be present in order to access the Transfer Station.**

**Yearly Pass Fee - \$25.00/Year**

**Daily Pass Fee - \$10.00/Day**

General Guidelines on the Transfer Station Fees:

Vehicle Fees:

(Fees to Be Determined at Attendant's Discretion)

- One (1) Average Car/Car Trunk, Small Bed Pickups (Minivans and SUV's) (Excluding Bulky Item Fees Listed Below or Construction Debris) – Minimum of \$20.00 – Up
- ½ Pickup Truck Load (Excluding Bulky Item Fees Listed Below or Construction Debris) – \$25.00 – Up
- Full Pick Truck Load ((Excluding Bulky Item Fees Listed Below or Construction Debris) - \$50.00 – Up
- Single Axle Trailer (Excluding Bulky Item Fees Listed Below or Construction Debris) - \$50.00 – Up
- Double Axle (16' Max) (Excluding Bulky Item Fees Listed Below or Construction Debris) - \$100.00 – Up
- ½ Pickup Truck Load or ½ Trailer Load (8' Max) of CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS (Excluding Bulky Item Fees Listed Below) - \$50.00 – Up
- Full Pickup Truck Load or Full Trailer Load (8' Max) of CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS (Excluding Bulky Item Fees Listed Below) - \$100.00 – Up

Bulky Item Fees for Disposal PER Item:

Small Air Conditioner - \$20.00	Laptop - \$10.00	Flat Screen TV - \$10.00
Large Air Conditioner - \$30.00	Love Seat / Recliner - \$10.00	Console TV - \$40.00
*Barbeque Grill - \$10.00	Mattress (K, Q, T, D) - \$40.00	Tabletop TV - \$20.00
Box Spring (Any Size) - \$40.00	Crib Mattress - \$20.00	*Car Tire - \$10.00
Computer Monitor - \$10.00	Soiled Mattress (K, Q, T, D) - \$100.00	*Truck Tire - \$15.00
Computer Tower - \$10.00	Microwave - \$10.00	*Tractor Tire - \$20.00
Desk / Table - \$10.00	Ottoman - \$10.00	Toilet or Sink - \$10.00
Dishwasher - \$10.00	Refrigerator - \$20.00	Washer - \$15.00
Dryer - \$10.00	*Sectional Couch - \$10.00	Water Heater - \$15.00
DVD Player - \$10.00	Sofa / Couch - \$20.00	VCR - \$10.00
File Cabinet (Any Size) - \$10.00	Stove - \$10.00	*Lawnmower - \$10.00
Green Tip Light Bulbs - \$5.00		

\*Barbeque Grill must be free of propane tank before disposal, Tires are accepted with or without the rim, Sectional Couches are charged per piece, and Lawnmowers must be free of gas and oil before disposal\*

Unacceptable Waste:

Styrofoam, Recyclables, Hazardous Waste Materials (Paint Cans, Chemicals, Pool Chemicals, etc.), Propane Tanks, Lead Acid Batteries, and Gas Tanks.

\*No Household Trash (Consumable Greens/Food) will be accepted in regular trash bags or Town of Somerset Bags. All Household Trash (Consumable Greens/Food) must be placed curbside on resident's pickup day in Town of Somerset Bags\*

**Residential Yard Waste is accepted for drop off at no charge to residents.**

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**TOWN OF SOMERSET**  
**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
**1263 BRAYTON POINT ROAD, SOMERSET, MA 02725**  
**508-646-2835**

**\*\*\*TRANSFER STATION \*\*\***  
**2025**

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**OPEN ON THE FIRST SATURDAY AND THE THIRD SATURDAY OF  
THE MONTH. STARTING IN APRIL, 2025 THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2025.**

April 5, 2025  
April 19, 2025  
May 3, 2025  
May 17, 2025  
June 7, 2025  
June 31, 2025  
July 12, 2025\*  
July 19, 2025  
August 2, 2025  
August 16, 2025  
September 6, 2025  
September 20, 2025  
October 4, 2025  
October 18, 2025  
November 1, 2025  
November 15, 2025

\*Please note that due to Fourth of July falling on a Friday this year the Transfer Station will NOT be open on the first Saturday of July. The Transfer Station will be open the second and third Saturday in July. \*

EZ Disposal  
 Telephone: (781) 233-2211  
 Email: team@ezdisposalrecycling.com

Town of Somerset – 2025  
**Holiday's Observed**  
 Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste – Will be delayed by 1 day IF holiday falls on a weekday or Sunday

New Year's – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Washington's Birthday – February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Patriot's Day – April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
 Memorial Day – May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Juneteenth – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 4<sup>th</sup> of July – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Labor Day – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
 Columbus Day – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Veteran's Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Thanksgiving Day – November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**BULK PICKUP DAY: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month**  
 Please call EZ Disposal to schedule pickup at (781) 233-2211. Each item is charged (Ex: Table and Chairs ... Table would be one charge and each chair would be a charge as well) if calendar shows blue for bulk pickup and it is a yard waste week there WILL BE yard waste pickup that Friday as well.

**Trash Collection Service:**  
 Town Pay as You Throw Bags & Curbside by 7:00am  
 Town Bags (cannot exceed 50 pounds)  
 \*\*Trash Bags cannot be placed on top of Recycling Bins\*\*

**Recycling Collection Service:**  
 Carts should be wheeled to the curb and set with the lid facing the street by 7:00 AM on the day of collection, and after collection, must be stored out of view. Carts are the property of the Town of Somerset and should not be removed from the property to which they are assigned. Report stolen or vandalized carts to Somerset Highway Department at (508) 646-2835. **Cart Repairs:** Please call Somerset Highway Department at (508) 646-2835. Carts damaged from misuse or neglect will be repaired or replaced at the user's expense. (Example of misuse are burning or overloading carts.)

**Non-Collection Notice's will be placed on any carts / town bags that are not in compliance with the collection rules.**

**Trash / Yard Waste barrels must be labeled.**

**\*\*Yard Waste Barrels must be plastic 32 gallon barrels with handles\*\***

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Holiday

Yard Waste

Amnesty

\*\*\*There will be a limit of 10-yard waste receptacles per household per week. (EX: 5-yard waste bags and 5-yard waste barrels.)\*\*\*

